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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/52/102/Rev.1, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Committee on Contributions, effective 31 December 1997.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Uldis Blukis (Latvia);

Mr. David Etuket (Uganda);

Mr. Ihor V. Humenny (Ukraine);

Mr. Jan Kinšt (Czech Republic);

Mr. David A. Leis (United States);

Mr. Prakash Shah (India);

Mr. Nikola Ivanov Tcholakov (Bulgaria);

Mr. Kazuo Watanabe (Japan).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

ULDIS BLUKIS

Born 19 February 1933 at Jelgava, Latvia

Married

B.S. in chemistry (University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, United States of America, 1956)

Ph.D. in physical chemistry (University of California, Berkeley, California, United States of America, 1960)

Posts held

1960-1991	Member of the Department of Chemistry, Brooklyn College, City University of New York
1967-1991	Member of board of directors of United Baltic Appeal, Inc.; primarily responsible for matters relating to United Nations
1991-present	Professor emeritus, Department of Chemistry, Brooklyn College, City University of New York
1991-1995	First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations
1995-present	Minister Plenipotentiary at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations
1991-present	Representative of Latvia in the Fifth Committee
1994-present	Member of the Committee on Contributions
1997	Chairman, Committee on Conferences

Publications

Co-author of an educational filmstrip series, a textbook of physical chemistry, as well as articles in physical chemistry and the history of science

DAVID ETUKET

Born 5 May 1957 at Kumi, Uganda

Education

1987-1989	Masters in Business Administration (Quantitative Analysis), St. John's University, New York
1977-1980	Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and Statistics (Upper Second Class Honours), Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
1982	Diploma in International Trade (Excellent Result), Finafrica, Milan, Italy
1975-1976	East African Advanced Certificate of Education, Nabumali High School
1971-1974	East African Certificate of Education, Pongdwongo Secondary School

Professional experience

1994-present	Deputy Director, Directorate of Multilateral Organisations and Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
June 1994-present	Chairman, Committee on Contributions
1992	Vice-Chairman, Committee for Programme and Coordination
1992-1993	Counsellor, Economic and Budgetary Matters, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1990	Rapporteur, Committee for Programme and Coordination
1988-1992	First Secretary, Administrative and Budgetary Matters, Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations, New York
1986-1988	Third Secretary, Administrative and Budgetary Matters, Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations, New York
1981-1986	Responsible for Eastern Europe and Asia Desk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
21 February 1981	Joined the Diplomatic Service of Uganda

International conferences attended

1986-1995	Representative, Fifth Committee of the General Assembly
1992-1997	Member of the Committee on Contributions
1986-1992	Member of the delegation of Uganda to the Economic and Social Council, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme
1988-1992	Alternate member of the delegation to the Committee for Programme and Coordination
1986-1992	Alternate member/adviser of the delegation to the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
June 1992	Member of the delegation to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
1991-1992	Alternate member of the delegation to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
1993-1995	Representative of Uganda to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa
February 1987; April 1995	Alternate member of the delegation to the Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement
June 1991	Representative of Uganda to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change
June 1989	Member of the delegation to the first annual meeting of the Governing Council of the Common Fund for Commodities

Family status

Married with two children

IHOR V. HUMENNY

Personal

Born: 6 December 1956, Ukraine

Married: 1980 to Olena S. Humenny

Children: Two daughters

Education

1979 Master's Degree in International Economic Relations and English, Kiev State University

1979-1983 Post-graduate courses in international economic relations, Kiev State University

1980-1982 Courses in Spanish language, Kiev State Language Courses

1984 Advanced courses on population, labour and financial statistics, Moscow Institute of Economics and Statistics

Present position

Since 1995 Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations in charge of issues of the United Nations management and administration, programme coordination, activity in the field of development, and reform. Responsible for the organization and execution of work of the Economic, Administrative and Budgetary Section of the Mission.

Representative of Ukraine to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly

Member of the Committee on Contributions

Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly

Representative of Ukraine to the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Delegate of Ukraine to the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations

Delegate of Ukraine to the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System

Delegate of Ukraine to the Second Committee of the General Assembly (operational activities issues), and the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund

Delegate of Ukraine to the Economic and Social Council and its Statistical Commission, Commission on Population and Development and Commission on Sustainable Development

Previous professional experience in the foreign service

1992-1995 First Secretary, Second Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations responsible for issues of the United Nations management and administration, programme coordination, activities in the economic and financial fields, and reform

Representative of Ukraine to the Fifth and Second Committees of the General Assembly, and the Committee for Programme and Coordination

1995 Member of the Committee on Contributions

1994 Vice-Chairman of the thirty-fourth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

1993-1995 Delegate of Ukraine to the Economic and Social Council and its Statistical Commission

1995 Delegate of Ukraine to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

1993 Delegate of Ukraine to the Commission on Sustainable Development

Delegate of Ukraine to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

1991-1992 First Secretary of the Department of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. Responsible for issues of the Second and Fifth Committees of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Economic Commission for Europe and its subsidiary bodies, international ecological cooperation

Other previous professional experience

1989-1990 Deputy Chief of the Department of Demographic and Labour Statistics, Ministry of Statistics of Ukraine

1987-1989 Deputy Chief of the Population Censuses and Demographic Statistics Department, Ministry of Statistics of Ukraine

1983-1987	Deputy Chief of the Population Censuses and Studies Division, Central Statistical Board of Ukraine
1979-1983	Senior economist of the Division of Statistical Information, Central Statistical Board of Ukraine

Major international conferences, sessions and meetings attended

Since 1992	Fifth and Second Committees of the General Assembly, forty-seventh to fifty-first sessions
Since 1995	Committee on Contributions, fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions, special session
	High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations
	High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System
Since 1993	Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-third to thirty-sixth sessions
1991, 1993-1996	Economic and Social Council, second regular, substantive and organizational sessions
1993, 1995	Statistical Commission, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions, special session
Since 1993	Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, annual session, regular meetings
Since 1993	Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, annual session, regular sessions
1996	Commission on Population and Development, twelfth session
Since 1995	Commission on Sustainable Development, third and fourth sessions
1993	Commission on Science and Technology for Development, first session
1992	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
1992	Economic Commission for Europe, twenty-seventh session
1991	International Seminar on Labour and Population Statistics (under the auspices of the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Statistical Office), Moscow
1987	Second European Regional Meeting on Population and Development, Hungary

Publications

"On the basis of equality: development of economic integration among developing countries"

"CMEA countries and the problems of industrial and technical cooperation among developing countries"

"In the mirror of demography (preparation of the population and housing census, 1989)"

Awards

Medal of Honour

JAN KINŠT

Born: 12 July 1965, Prague, Czechoslovakia

Nationality: Czech

Married with two daughters (age six and one)

Educational and professional background

Prague School of Economics; specialization in public finance

Participation in numerous international seminars, workshops, conferences and training courses organized by international institutions and Governments, among others: CIPFA (UK), 1991; Japanese Government and World Bank, 1992; IMF, 1993 and 1994; and OECD, 1996

Professional career

1987-1990	Junior Economist, Department for Financial Policy and Analyses, Ministry of Finance
1990-1993	Specialist responsible for the fiscal analyses preparation, State Budget Department, Ministry of Finance
January 1993	Deputy Director of the State Budget Department, responsible for the general budgetary policy, final State Budget compilation, international fiscal affairs and general budgetary management and, since August 1995 also in charge of the budgetary reserves management and budgetary classification, comprising also financing of the Czech Republic membership contributions to the international institutions

Activities with regard to international financial bodies and financial relations

Representative of the Czech Republic to the Finance Committee of the European Organization of Nuclear Research (CERN) at Geneva for three years (July 1993-June 1996)

International Monetary Fund (on contractual basis): member of the mission dealing with government finance statistics

Representative of the Czech Republic to the Annual Meeting of Senior Budget Officials of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

Representative of the Czech Republic (Ministry of Finance) for negotiations and cooperation with international bodies such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the European Investment Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Commission and with partners from foreign rating agencies (e.g. Standard and Poor's, Moody's, IBCA, J. P. Morgan)

DAVID A. LEIS

Born: 23 November 1949, Uppsala, Sweden

Education

Master's Degree in International Finance, University of Maryland College Park, Maryland, United States of America

Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Columbia University, New York, New York, United States of America

Work experience

1987-present	Programme Analyst, Office of United Nations System Administration, Department of State, Washington, D.C.
1981-1987	Management Analyst, Office of the Controller, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C.
1976-1981	Management Analyst, Office of the Director, Veterans Administration, New York Region, New York, New York
1974-1976	Financial Reports Examiner, Securities and Exchange Commission, New York, New York
1969-1973	Infantry Officer, United States Army

Other activities

Audit Committee (1978-1986), Sevren Exploration Co., Houston, Texas, United States of America

Other language

Estonian

PRAKASH SHAH

Education

M.Com. (Master of Commerce), University of Bombay, 1959

LLB (Bachelor of Laws), University of Bombay, 1960

B.A. (Honors in Economics), University of Bombay, 1960

Work experience

Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, New York, 1995-July 1997

Ambassador of India to Japan, 1992-1995

Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Office at Geneva, 1991-1992

Ambassador of India to Venezuela and Consul General to the Netherlands Antilles, 1983-1985

High Commissioner of India to Malaysia and Brunei, 1980-1983

Adviser to the Prime Minister, 1977-1980

Also led the Indian delegations to a number of Non-Aligned, Commonwealth and United Nations meetings

Positions held

Member, Perez Guerrero Trust Fund, New York

Director, Indian Petrochemicals Limited

Director, Petofils Cooperative

Director, Kudremukh Iron Ore Limited

Member, Governing Council of United Nations Compensation Fund for Iraq, 1990-1991

Governor, Common Fund for Commodities, The Hague, 1991-1992

Academics

Visiting Lecturer, Universidad Santa Maria, Caracas, Venezuela

Guest Faculty, Foreign Service Institute, New India, India

Guest Speaker National Defence College, New Delhi, India

Alumni, Geneva Management Institute

Publications

Journal of University of Santa Maria, Caracas, "South-South cooperation: a view for non-oil developing countries"

School of International Studies, New Delhi, "India, EEC and Commonwealth"

Centropep, Caracas, "World economic crisis and response of Third World"

Fridtj of Nansen Institute, Oslo, "Antarctic Treaty system in world politics: ATS model and the future"

Geneva Peace Institute, Geneva, "Non-proliferation and security: case for non-nuclear countries"

Foreign Service Institute, Lima, Peru, "India and the United Nations in a new global order"

Instituto Matias Romero de Estudios Diplomaticos, Mexico, "India and the United Nations: 50 years and after"

Harvard International Review, "Unity in diversity: political and economic trends in India"

Journal of the Group of G-77 Quarterly, Interview on United Nations activities

South Asia's nuclear future; Conference on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and the Millennium: Prospects and Initiatives

Additional information

Fluent in English and very good working knowledge of Spanish and French

Enjoys playing tennis, golf and cricket

Spends free time listening to music, appreciating art, reading and sports broadcasting

NIKOLA IVANOV TCHOLAKOV

Born: 31 December 1944, Sofia, Bulgaria

Nationality: Bulgarian

Educational background

PhD in Economics, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, 1996

MA in Mathematics, Major in Probability and Statistics, St. Kliment Ohridaski University, Sofia, 1971

Specialization in macroeconomic modelling, International Labour Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, 1980

Certificate for Specialization in United Nations Courses on Development Planning at Moscow University, 1978

Professional and academic experience

Minister Plenipotentiary designate (Economic Affairs) in the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations, New York, August 1997

Professor of Statistics and Financial and Actuarial Mathematics at the University of National and World Economy, Sofia (Labour, Economics and Social Affairs Department), 1977-1997

Economic and Financial Adviser in the Bulgarian Parliament, 1995-1997

Economic and Financial Adviser to the Prime Minister of Bulgaria, 1992

Research Fellow at the Bulgarian National Institute of Statistics, 1971-1977

Mathematician and Computer Programmer, Central Statistical Office, 1971-1977

Member of the Union of Bulgarian Mathematicians, the Union of Bulgarian Statisticians, the Union of Bulgarian Economists

Participation in international and United Nations-related activities

Programme Coordinator of the Tempus Project with the University of Architecture (Sofia), the University of Architecture (Venice, Italy) and the University of East London (United Kingdom): "Graphic information systems for town planning with special emphasis on population allocation together with other resources", 1996-1998

Project Manager: "Improvement of vital statistics in Bulgaria", 1996-1997

United Nations consultant on the development of a database on the political status of women, New York, United States of America, 1988

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United Nations consultant on demographic topics, including population ageing and its social and demographic consequences, Geneva, Switzerland, 1985

Executive Secretary of the UNFPA-sponsored European Population Conference, Sofia, 1983

Member of the Bulgarian delegation, fortieth session of the International Statistical Institute, Warsaw, 1975

Member of the Bulgarian delegation, World Population Conference, Bucharest, 1974

Major contributor to several UNFPA projects, including those on developing an integrated system of social and demographic statistics in Bulgaria, 1982-1987, and population ageing and its social and demographic consequences, 1984-1988

Over 40 scientific publications, many of which appeared in foreign journals

Participation in more than 10 international academic seminars, conferences and congresses on demography, statistics, computer science, financial and managerial services

Foreign languages

Fluent in English and Russian, working knowledge of German

KAZUO WATANABE

Present position	Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, in charge of the Fifth Committee, since 1997
Date of birth	23 September 1951
Academic background	Graduated from the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Liberal Arts, University of Tokyo, 1975
	Studied at the London School of Economics, 1973-1974
	Studied at University of Salamanca and La Escuela Diplomática of Spanish Government, 1977-1979

Previous professional career

1995-1997	Director, Research and Programming Division, Economic Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Policy Science, Saitama University, Tokyo
1993-1995	Director, Second Division, Department I, Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, Tokyo, in charge of extending Yen loans to Indonesia and Malaysia
1991-1993	Deputy Director, Overseas Establishment Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo
1988-1991	Director, Japan Information Service, and First Secretary, Embassy of Japan, Bangkok
1986-1988	First Secretary, Embassy of Japan, Rome
1984-1986	Assistant Director and subsequently Deputy Director, Policy Planning Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo
1979-1984	Officer and Assistant Director, First International Economic Relations Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, and Specialized Agencies Division, United Nations Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo

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